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UNDERWOOD WINS IS INDICATION IN **ALABAMA PRIMARY**

Incomplete Returns Apparently Assure Triumph Over Hobson.

RECORD-BREAKING VOTE IN STATE

Leader of House Says He Is Thoroughly Satisfied, but Opponent Does Not Concede His Nomination-Gubernatorial Contest Is



the State for the nomination to the United States Senate. Owing to the complexity and length of the ballots, complete returns probably will not be received until to-night.

The protracted struggle for the nom-nation between the two distinguished andidates terminated with a recordbreaking vote by Alabama Democrate. Interest in the contest for the short term in the United States Senate, the nomination of ten Congressmen, a Gov-erner and other State and county of-

MISS CLARK AS BRIDESMAID

Will Act at McKinley-Bennett and Flood-Portner Weddings This Month. ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, April 6.—Miss Genevieve Champ Ckirk, daughter of the Speaker, will come perilously near the limit of three times a bridesmaid and neyer a bride this month when she acts as bridesmaid twice for friends.

On April 14 Miss Clark will be one of the bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss Agra Bennett to Johnson C. McKinley, of West Virginia, at St. John's Church. On April 18 she will act in the same capacity for Miss Anna Portner, whose marriage to Representative Hal Flood, of Virginia, chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, will be one of the big official events of the year.

Among Miss Portner's other attendants will be her sister, Miss Hildegrade Portner, maid of honor, and Baroness Marie Von Baumgarten, Miss Edith Temple Gracie, of New York; Miss Hannah Taylor, Miss Cornella Claggett and Miss Lucio Martin, daughter of Senator Martin, of Virginia, as bridesmaids.

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Gives Official Account of Decree Con-Ferred by University of Aberdeen. [Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch:] Aberdeen. April 6.—Ambassador Walter H. Page has sent Secretary of State Bryan an official account of the honor recentity conferred upon him by the University of Aberdeen, when he was given an L. L. D. degree, and was afterwards entertained by the City Council.

In his report on the matter, Ambas-

FOR SPANIARDS IN CITY OF TORREON

State Department Ex- Committee Wants Inpected to Make Protest Against Villa's Order.

ALL FOREIGNERS REPORTED SAFE

No Evidence That Notice of Expulsion Is Actually Put Into Execution-Military Situation Remains a Mystery-Recognition of Rebels Not

The property of the property o

succeeding Brigadier-General George
II. Torney, who died last December.
He paid his respects to President Wilson, and as he left the White House told inquirers that he was in sympathy with the prohibition of liquor in the navy, and thought such an order would do much good in the army. He added however, that it was only a personal opinion, and that he had not discussed it with other officials.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Proposed in Joint Resolution Introduced in the House a joint resolution, proposing a woman suffrage constitutional amendment, similar to one pending in the Senate, offered by Senator Shafroth. The amendment would provide that, upon petition by 8 per cent of the legal voters of any State participating in the last preceding general election, the woman suffrage question shall be submitted to the voters of that State, a majority decision to be final.

DUE TO INTEREST ON CLAIMS

Supreme Court Decision Affects Creditors of Railroad in Virginia.

Or the Constitutionalists as belligerents, although General Carranza has been aduced in press dispatches as futending to seek it. President Wilson told callers to-day that the question had not been considered, because it had not dealers to-day that the question had not been considered, because it had not dealers to-day that the question had not been considered, because it had not dealers to-day that the question had not dealers to-day that the guestion had not been c

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ANXIOUS TO START **NEW BANK SYSTEM** WITHOUT DELAY

stitutions in Field by Crop-Moving Time.

FORMAL NOTICES GOOUT TO-DAY

As. Soon as Necessary Subscriptions for Capital in Each District Are Obtained, Succeeding Steps Will Be Promptly

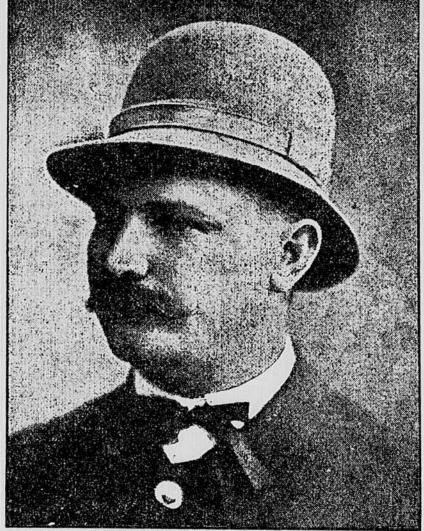
The growth of The Times-Dispatch is an index of the growth of Richmond. Here are two interesting

Since January 1 The Times-Dispatch has GAINED in advertising over the same period last year 78,006 lines. The other morning paper has LOST during the same period

73,710 lines. The Advertising Department of The Times-Dispatch can be reached by calling

Monroe 1

MRS. ROBERTA LESTER KILLED BY POLICE SERGEANT NEISZ, WHO THEN KILLED HIMSELF



POLICE-SERGEANT PHILIP L. NEISZ.

SENATE CONFIRMS

All But One of Big Federal Applies to Council for \$3,000 Ap-Plums in Virginia Disposed Of.

Be Nominated for District Attorney To-Day.

The forces commenced gathering today for a contest to be held in Congressman Jones's office to-morrow to
secure the postoffice at Newport News,
The three candidates for the office,
Charles R. Hoskins, E. W. Huffman and
Charles R. Hoskins, E. W. Huffman and
Charles W. Mugler, all have excellent
indorsements.

The indorsements of each are so good
and apparently so evenly divided that
Congressman Jones has thus far been
unable to choose between them. In
some instances two and three of the
candidates have the same signatures
to their petitions, which further muddles the matter,
Charles R. Hoskins, with his attorney, S. O. Bland, and Charles W. Mugler and his attorney, T. A. Fowler,
arrived here to-day, and Mr. Huffman is expected to-morrow.
Together, with Congressman Jones,
the three candidates will carefully review the indorsements of each. It
seems probable that Mugler will get
the office, which is one of the richest
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ASKS FOR FUNDS

propriation to Prosecute Investigation.

MANN TO SUCCEED GRONER WATER GRANTS CRITICIZED on the floor, and the still-breathing

Petersburg Man Probably Will Ordinance Allowing Y. M. C. A Free Service Is Challenged on

Question of Policy.

munication from the committee of tif- died immediately upon his arrival. make a study of vice conditions in this city, requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 with which "to prosecute the investigation for which the commis-

In his letter accompanying the commission's request, Mayor Ainslie ex-plains that no part of the appropriation will go to recompense the members of the commission, since these have undertaken the task without desire for reward. The money, he ex-plains, is needed to defray certain by Magistrate Purdie.

necessary expenses incident to the investigation. He recommended that the ouncil appropriate the amount The matter was referred to the Finance

Committee for report.

Disposes of Light Docket. The Common Council last night made short work of a docket, which, while containing the usual number of ordi nances and resolutions, was free from nances and resolutions, was free from measures of wide import. A large the result of a long association of Administrative Fourd and committees.

The shooting was said to have been the result of a long association of Neisz with Mrs. Lester. It was learned Administrative Board and committees relating to surface improvements were referred for report An unexpected hitch occurred in the

disposition of the ordinance recom-mended by the Public Utilities Comthe ordinance recommittee, donating to the Young Men's Christian Association 600,000 cubic feet of water a quarter, for a period of one year from the passage of the ordinance. The policy of making such

incumbent upon the city to make this gift to an institution which was self-supporting and upon a paying basis.

"When we had to straighten an alley "Fired Over Her Shoulder." "When we had to straighten an alley behind the Young Men's Christian Association Building they didn't forget to charge the city \$1,500 for doing it," replied President Peters, pointedly. "It appears that these organizations are always ready to ask for something at the hands of the city, but are slow to give anything."

Fired Over Her Shoulder.

After she was sufficiently composed, which was in her home when she heard screams from the room occupied by Mrs. Lester. She hurried there, and found that Service in the city, but are slow to give anything." to give anything."

at the hands of the city, but are slow to give anything."

Doubts Wisdom of Grant.

Councilman Mills said that he had always had his doubts about the wisdom or propriety of making free allowances of this character. He explained, however, that the water allowance for the council of the council of the hard of the council of the more or less public showers and swimming pool and was on that account approved by the committee. He shared the belief that the measure should be passed by the Finance Committee, and offered no objection to its going there. An ordinance had a few minutes before seen passed, giving Lee Camp Soldiers' Home a free daily water allowance of 1,500 gallons for fountain purposes. In order to make a uniform disposition of the two measures, the ordinance was reconsidered, and like-wise sent to the Finance Committee.

Invite Confederate Veterans.

The Common Council by unanimous vote adopted a resolution joining the several Confederate organizations of the city, the Chamber of Commerce flushness Men's Club, Retail Merchants' Association, and the Travelers' Protective Association, in extending to the

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OFFICER FIRED OVER SHOULDER OF MRS. MILLER, HER NEIGHBOR

Told Wife Before Leaving Home That He Expected to Put Woman Out of the Way.

HAD CHLOROFORM HE BOUGHT FOR THAT PURPOSE

Officer Went to Mrs. Lester's Home in West Broad Street and Struck Her on Cheek, Cries Attracting Mrs. Miller, Who Rushed In to Stop Fight-Then Shot as She Was Bathing Her Wound-Murderer Placed Pistol at His Temple and Fired, Dying Later as He Was Being Taken Into Hospital-Claimed That Victim Was Cause of His Unhappy Home Life.

Police Sergeant Philip L. Neisz last night at 10:45 o'clock shot and instantly killed Mrs. Roberta Lester, years old, and then fired a bullet into his right temple, dying while being taken into a room at the Virginia Hospital.

The shooting took place at 714 West Broad Street, where the woman acted as agent for the Virginia Laundry, and, with two small children, occupied a room in the rear.

The first persons to arrive after the shooting found the dead woman lying

sergeant opposite her, the soles of their feet touching. Died on Reaching Hospital.

Neisz's head was resting in a pool of blood, but a physician who had been summoned from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, said that there was no hope for him. In the City Hospital am-bulance he was rushed with all pos-

teen appointed by him recently to bodies and making an investigation,

sion was appointed." The request is embodied in a resolution adopted by door to the laundry agency, was the the commission and signed by Rev. first to inform the police of the dou-Mrs. Emma Miller, who lives next T. McFaden, as secretary, ble tragedy. She ran to the Second Police Station, at Smith and Mar-shall Streets, barely two blocks away. She had witnessed the shooting, but was able only to tell that a shooting had occurred. Bicycle Policemen Tiller and Gerring hurried to the

> Went There to Kill Her. As soon as it was seen that Nelsz was still alive the ambulance was called and made a record trip. Dr. A I. Weinstein immediately ordered that Nelsz be conveyed to the hospital, though it was apparent that he used his revolver upon himself with

> afterward that when he left his home, 1128 West Marshall Street, he told his wife that he was going out to "kill that woman." He is also said to have threatened the life of Mrs. Neisz. Later in the night, when the room where the crime was committed was being examined, two locks on a rear door were found to be broke his way into the house.

a grant was called into question, and the ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Moore raised the question of the policy signal office patrol boxes at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:26 o'clock. The last box that he pulled the policy of the policy of the policy of the partol box that he pulled the policy of the partol box that he pulled the policy of the pulled the tion. He wanted to know why it was was at Lombardy and Broad Streets,

geant Nelsz had struck her, inflicting a gash on her cheek. Nelsz's coat was lying upon the bed, and Mrs. Lester, only partly dressed, was bathing the wound upon her face with witch "She broke up my home, and I am "She broke up my home, and I am going to kill this woman," Nelsz told Mrs. Miller. As he uttered the words, he drew his revolver, the regulation weapon used by the police, and, leaning over the shoulder of Mrs. Miller, who was too terrified to move, fired one shot. The bullet passed through Mrs. Lester's temple, causing instant death. Powder from the pistol burnt a hole in the coat worn by Mrs. Miller, According to her story, the officer

According to her story, the officer then turned the weapon upon himself. fired a bullet into his brain, and fell. He never regained consciousness. Crowd Quickly on Scene.
As soon as she could recover from the shock, Mrs. Miller ran to the sta-

tion. The news spread quickly, and a large crowd gathered before the house. but was held back by a squad of

The revolver had fallen between